



Check Out the Kentucky Horse Park for Breeders' Cup Week Activities

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Park to Offer Off-Site Wagering, Parking, Additional Activities Leading up to Event Races

FAC Spotlight: COT's Education Services Branch Team Recognized at Governors Ambassador Awards

Congratulations to COT's Office of Application Development Education Services Branch on their recent honorable mention for the Kentucky Governor's Ambassador Award in the "Teamwork" category!

Since mid-2014, the collaborative team, comprised of staff from the Education Services Branch and the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet's Division of Unemployment Insurance, has been laser-focused on validating data that is required to be filed from each state by the federal secretary of labor. The Commonwealth of Kentucky receives federal funds based on a formula that reports workload performance. So, if Kentucky's data is not valid, it affects funding for the state.



The federal government has 24 major data components that each state must validate for data integrity. In the past, Kentucky has struggled to meet the reporting requirements; hence the team was formed to address this issue.

In the Data Validation year 2015, the team submitted 79.17% (19 out of 24) of data validations due for the year. The previous high for the state of Kentucky was nine submitted in 2012 and 36.36% submitted in 2013. The state of Kentucky passed 75% (18 out of 24) of the data validations due for this year. The team completed and passed data validations on seven components that had never been passed by the state of Kentucky before.

The OAD team is currently pushing to production the programming used to create the successful files that were used to complete the validations in 2015. Moving the programming to production allows the programmers to reuse the programs without having to rewrite

them every time a validation is due. This step will result in yearly cost savings, which will be measured over the next several years to determine the financial savings for the state of Kentucky.

This group effort has had a significant impact throughout this process. Prior to the team's formation, many of the duties required to complete these data validations were unknown. It took members working diligently together to develop solutions to each and every data validation that had previously never been successfully completed—and in some cases never even attempted. These accomplishments have created the foundation for recording the process of success so that it may be utilized in the future for successful validations.

Congratulations to the team. Their accomplishment will ensure Kentucky has the ability to measure the accuracy of state reporting!

About the awards

The Governor's Ambassador Awards are designed to encourage, support, acknowledge and reward employees who embody the principles of Kentucky's Unbridled Spirit. These Awards highlight employees who have significantly and positively impacted their co-workers, customers, or community. This employee recognition program showcases individual and team performance.

The "Teamwork" Award category is presented to two or more individuals who function as a team and have succeeded in attaining a measurable goal or who have made a significant achievement in support of their cabinet's strategic plan. The team demonstrates innovation, creative problem solving, collaboration, and a dedication to the goals and objectives of the cabinet/agency.

Education Services Branch Team Members

Becky Poling, Branch Manager
Mike Graves
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Ky Horse Park — Breeders' Cup Activities

With Lexington hosting the world championships of Thoroughbred racing for the first time, the Kentucky Horse Park will be offering simulcasting and off-site wagering for the 2015 Breeders' Cup races along with additional activities to add to the week's excitement.

Indoor and drive-thru wagering will be available at the Alltech Arena during the CP National Horse Show Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 29-31. Simulcasting will be broadcast inside the Alltech Arena exhibition hall all three days with the Keeneland race card on Thursday, Oct. 29, and the Breeders' Cup races on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 30-31. Patrons can enjoy all the action from Keeneland while also enjoying world-class show jumping action at America's most prestigious and longest-running indoor horse show. Off-site wagering will open one hour before racing begins and close 30 minutes after the last race at Keeneland each of the three days.

Admission to the CP National Horse Show is free on Thursday, Oct. 29, and free on Friday, Oct. 30, until 6 p.m. Admission is \$5 on Friday night and \$10 for all day on Saturday, Oct. 31. Children 12 and under are free. Park admission is not required and parking will be free of charge all three days for this Breeders' Cup option. Food will also be available including breakfast items, wraps, sandwiches and other pub fare.

The park will also be one of three designated Park-and-Ride Breeders' Cup locations for ticket holders to be shuttled to Keeneland Oct. 29-31, and will be handicapped-accessible. For the Keeneland race event, Prelude to the Cup, on Thursday, Oct. 29, parking passes may be purchased online in advance for \$15 per vehicle or onsite for \$20. Breeders' Cup parking passes on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 30-31, may be purchased online in advance for \$20 per vehicle or onsite for \$25. Parking passes include complimentary shuttle service to and from Keeneland for all vehicle occupants, and free event programs each day.

In the week leading up to the Breeders' Cup, the park will be engaged in numerous activities. Isaac Burns Murphy, one of the greatest jockeys racing has ever known and one of Kentucky's most famous sons, will be honored on Thursday, Oct. 22, at 2 p.m., when the park will unveil a newly engraved headstone for Murphy, who is buried at the park, at the newly renamed Man o' War — Isaac Burns Murphy Memorial, and pay tribute to this 19th century jockey and Kentucky's African-American horsemen. There is no charge for admission.

"For more information on the Kentucky Horse Park or any of the events mentioned in this release, call 859-233-4303 or 800-678-8813 or info@kyhorsepark.com or visit www.KyHorsePark.com to see the park's full calendar of events.

The Kentucky Horse Park is open daily, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. through Nov. 1. Admission is \$16 for adults and \$8 for children, and includes the Next Day Free. Admission includes the International Museum of the Horse, a Smithsonian Affiliate; and the "Showplace for Saddlebreds" — The American Saddlebred Museum & Gift Shop.

Additional activities at the Ky Horse Park include:

"Equine Treasures of the Bluegrass" exhibition at the International Museum of the Horse — through Nov. 1. Included in regular park admission.

Thoroughbred Makeover — Friday to Sunday, Oct. 23-25. Included in regular park admission. Admission is \$15 for the Finale on Sunday, Oct. 25, 12-5 p.m.

Kentucky for Kentucky 5K Fun Run & Walk - Sunday, Oct. 25, at 2 p.m. Registration is \$32.50 per person.

Cigar Memorial Statue Unveiling — Tuesday, Oct. 27, at 3 p.m. Included in regular park admission.

CP National Horse Show — Tuesday to Sunday, Oct. 27-Nov. 1. Admission is free Oct. 27-29 and Oct. 30 until 6 p.m. Admission is \$5 Friday night, Oct. 30, and \$10 for each Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 31, and Nov. 1. Children 12 and under are free.

HalloWhinny holiday show at the Breeds Barn Saturday, Oct. 31, at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Included in regular park admission.

ELVIS LIVES!!!



...or at least he entertained Dept. of Revenue employees at DOR's annual employee appreciation luncheon as part of Public Employee Recognition Week!